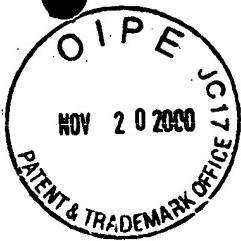


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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97, Applicant herewith submits the publications and/or patents shown on the attached form PTO-1449, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited.

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Should any fee associated with the submission of this paper not be attached hereto as a check, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the missing fee to our Deposit Account, No. 19-0733. Any overpayments should be credited to said Deposit Account.

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